

ARMY INDORSE FREE SPEECH RULE | PORTO RICANS MALTREATED

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 27.—The Central Labor Union of this city has passed the following resolution on the cause of the manner in which striking agricultural workers have been treated by public officials:

"We do emphatically declared that under the administration of Gov.

The Federation of Labor and its representatives on the island are being persecuted and are being ordered to get down from speakers' stands while meetings are being held in the open air. Meetings of free speech and workers are done with the purpose of organizing the workers and workers and compel them to give up their demands.

their work with the impression that the right to strike is a crime." The American Federation of Labor Organizer Santiago Iglesias secured advances for agricultural workers at Labacua and Maunabo. Hours have been reduced to nine per day and wages raised to 80 cents a day. The former rates were 50 and 55 cents. At Once a meeting of strikers was broken up by the police and many workers were beaten. At this place organizer Iglesias declared: "The police could not be placed in an impartial independent position while having their quarters in the premises of the

The mills and plantations while keeping, eating and drinking with the negroes, and the sugar mill owners under the pressure of guaranteeing the properties of the negroes, have been created and placed under \$200 bail. They have protested to Gov. Tager.

NEGRO DEATH RATE DECREASES.

Washington, March 27.—A decrease in the death rate among negroes throughout the United States of 3.4 per 1,000 population occurred during 1919, according to a bulletin issued by the Federal census bureau. The report estimates that the death rate among negroes concerning negro mortality compiled for the country.

The death rates in cities included in the table, the death rate in 1919 was 15.5, and among whites 15.9 per 1,000.

The bulletin shows that deaths among negroes, as compared with whites, are relatively more numerous than in the previous years.

pneumonia, and whooping cough; measles for measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, cancer, appendicitis, and infant deaths, noticeably suicide, the distribution is considerably higher among whites.

"Undoubtedly," says the bulletin, one of the factors which has caused the decrease in death rate, which decrease is almost universal in the cities of the South, is the increase in home

MUST PAY PREVAILING RATE.

Boston, March 21.—The Carpenters' District Council of this city has secured a decision from the state board of labor and industries that contractors on state work must pay the full wage scale. The unionists complained that certain bridge contractors were

The board decided against the contractors and ruled that as 55 cents per hour was the rate in that locality, this amount should be paid. The law was passed in 1914 and this is the first time the board has been called upon to make a decision.

BOILER ROOMS ARE COOL

Boston, March 27.—In the opinion of Chief Engineer Peterson, of Salem, boiler rooms of power stations on the Bay Street Railway system, while not ranking with the Arctic zone are almost as breezy as summer resorts. Mr. Peterson would create this impression before the arbitration board, now con-

Chief Engineer Leithead, of the Hawthornhill station, said he favored raising wages—"if the company could afford it."

UNION'S RAPID GROWTH.

Detroit, March 27.—Officers of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-way Employees announce that during the month of February 706 new members were enrolled, and that 1,600 new members a month ought to be a general thing hereafter. "The Advance Advocate, the union's official

magazine, says: "Our efforts at organizing unorganized territory are meeting with splendid results. The men realize more and more the necessity of binding themselves closer and closer together for their mutual welfare as a protection."

FREDERICK W. TAYLOR DEAD.

Philadelphia, March 27.—Frederick W. Taylor, known in the industrial world as the originator of the "Taylor" system, died in a local hospital in this city after a week's illness.

The so-called "efficiency" system which was advocated by deceased, is being opposed by organized labor on the ground that it fails to consider the human elements of a worker, would make him part of a machine, and would

ARRANGE FOR BIG "FORWARD."

St. Louis, Mo., March 27.—Organize labor in this city is a unit on a "labor forward" movement, which will be inaugurated early this summer. Committees are making enthusiastic ar-

PAINTERS GO BACK TO WORK.